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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) [redacted] **Date:** 07/02/2012

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA KS [redacted]

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Synopsis: (U) Possible threat information disseminated to liaison with Westboro Baptist Church (WBC).

[redacted]

Details: (U)

On 06/30/2012, at approximately 0104 hours, officers from the Topeka Police Department (TPD) were dispatched to the 300 block of SW Lindenwood, Topeka, Kansas, reference criminal damage to property. A white male, identified as [redacted], was taken into custody for criminal damage, battery to a LEO, disorderly conduct, disobey lawful order, and obstruction. [redacted] subsequently tested negative for alcohol and drugs in his system.

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For background, [redacted] was a Vietnam Veteran who expressed displeasure with WBC activities as they relate to pickets at U.S. soldier's funerals. [redacted] has a history of loud verbal confrontations with WBC members. To date, when [redacted] begins his confrontations, WBC members walk away.

Although he did not mention WBC during this incident, in the past,

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Title: (U) [redacted]
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 07/02/2012

[redacted] has had increasingly angry verbal confrontations with members of the WBC at their local Topeka pickets. Due to his increasingly unpredictable and violent behavior, the writer contacted [redacted] and provided a caution regarding WBC encounters with [redacted] The writer did not provide [redacted] with details of the aforementioned encounter. However, the writer cautioned [redacted] to be wary of the presence of [redacted] at or near future WBC pickets.

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The TPD likewise was aware of [redacted] seemingly increased erratic behavior and history of confronting the WBC members. Upon his release, TPD will maintain increased situational awareness of [redacted] activities. No further action will be taken by this office at this time.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Dissemination of WBC [redacted] **Date:** 07/03/2012 b7E

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA KS [redacted] b7E

Synopsis: (U) Identification of author of veiled e-mail threat to WBC prior to Milwaukee, Wisconsin pickets.

[redacted]

Details: (U)

On 06/25/2012, the writer notified the Field Intelligence Group (FIG) of the updated picket schedule for the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) and asked that the appropriate notifications be made. Current travel for WBC indicated they planned to spend several days in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Current threat assessments did not indicate any threat to WBC in that area.

On 06/28/2012, the writer was notified by [redacted] Operations Officer, [redacted] about an e-mail received by the WBC which contained a veiled threat. The e-mail, from b6 b7C b7E

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Title: (U) Dissemination of WBC [redacted] b7E

Re: 804I-KC-93619, 07/03/2012

[redacted] at e-mail address [redacted] and IP Address [redacted] was received by WBC on 06/28/2012 at 2:23 a.m. The content of the e-mail stated the following: b6 b7C b7E

"God hates haters. Thank god for dead phelps. see you Sunday in Milwaukee."

Ps your not welcome in Wisconsin...would be in your best interest NOT to show up."

Officer [redacted] identified the author as [redacted] w/m, DOB [redacted] residing in [redacted] Wisconsin. Upon being interviewed, [redacted] was deemed not to be a threat by authorities in Milwaukee. b6 b7C

No further action will be taken by this office at this time.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) WBC threat update for July 2012 **Date:** 07/19/2012

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U//~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA KS [redacted]

Synopsis: (U) Report findings and claim stats for [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] b7E

Details:

On 07/18/2012, the writer received information that the subject of [redacted] was identified, located, and interviewed by Albany Division/Burlington, VT Resident Agency investigators. The writer disseminated the results of that interview to FBI/KC intelligence analysts. The writer also notified Lawrence, Kansas Police Department (LKPD) and the Kansas University Police Department (KUPD) regarding the upcoming picket of Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) members on 07/26/2012 at the Dole Center on the KU campus. Former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld was scheduled to speak on this date. Currently, no threats to this event had been received.

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Title: (U) Intelligence dissemination regarding WBC picket in Aurora, CO.

Date: 07/24/2012

From: KANSAS CITY
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Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619

(U/~~/FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA KS [redacted]

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Synopsis: (U) Report dissemination of intelligence to Denver Division regarding planned picket by WBC at the scene of recent Aurora, CO theater shooting and to claim a statistical accomplishment.

[redacted]

Details:

On 07/22/2012, the writer disseminated information to IA [redacted] and FBI Denver regarding WBC plans to conduct a picket in conjunction to a memorial service in Aurora, Colorado. The memorial service was to be held for victims of the Aurora, CO movie theater shooting in the early morning hours of 07/21/2012. The writer did not have any current threats to report. The WBC picket was scheduled to be held on 07/22/2012 from 1700-1900 hours. No further action was taken.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) WBC Schedule for August 2012 **Date:** 08/03/2012

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U//~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA KS [redacted]

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Synopsis: (U) Dissemination of WBC picket schedule to Kansas City and Ottawa, Kansas and to claim statistical accomplishment.

[redacted]

Details:

On 08/02/2012, the writer contacted IA [redacted] and SA [redacted] [redacted] regarding upcoming pickets by members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) in Kansas City on 08/04/2012 and 08/05/2012. The writer also contacted Chief Dennis Butler and Lt. [redacted] Ottawa, Kansas Police Department (OKPD) regarding planned pickets at four (4) Ottawa, Kansas churches on 08/19/2012. At this time, the writer was not aware of any threats to WBC and/or it's events.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Westboro Baptist Church Control File Review. **Date:** 08/16/2012

To: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U//~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA KS [redacted]

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Synopsis: (U) A Supervisory file review of the control file was conducted encompassing the period [redacted]

Details:

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Title: (U) Westboro Baptist Church Control File Review.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 07/09/2012

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(U) On 07/09/2012, SSA [redacted] conducted a file review of captioned case for the period [redacted] The purpose of the file review was to determine if the investigation had been conducted appropriately and whether or not the assessment should be continued. In order to make this determination, the file was reviewed and the following observations noted. b6 b7C b7E

(U//~~FOUO~~) During the file review period, members of the Westboro Baptist Church continued their protests throughout the United States. SA [redacted] obtained the details concerning the planned pickets by the Westboro Baptist Church and disseminated the information to the appropriate FBI and law enforcement officials in order that they might be prepared for counter-protesters, any accompanying violence and apportion resources and respond appropriately. Information included the date, times, venues, and the specific members intending to protest. b6 b7C

(U//~~FOUO~~) During the period encompassing [redacted] several threats towards Westboro Baptist Church were documented. Among them, were the following:

1) On 05/12/2012, the Westboro Baptist Church e-mail address, [redacted] received a threatening e-mail. The e-mail was sent from [redacted] originating e-mail address [redacted] The subject line topic stated, "Gay Soldiers." The content of the e-mail was as follows: "I am going to come down there and kill every one of you ignorant mother fuckers. I am not kidding. My brother was a gay soldier killed in Iraq and I am going to kill every one of you hateful pieces of shit. watch your back I'm coming for you all!" [redacted] was opened to investigate the threat. That investigation is still pending. b6 b7C b7E

Title: (U) Westboro Baptist Church Control File Review.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 07/09/2012

2) On 05/18/2012, the Westboro Baptist Church received an e-mail threat of violence toward members of WBC. The e-mail threat subject line stated, "Bring Your Helmets." The originating e-mail address was [redacted] and was sent to [redacted] on 05/17/2012. The e-mail read "turns out lots of people doont like your organization, im paying killeen and fort hood residents to throw rocks at your people. tell your mindless fucks to wear their helmets. hopefully we can crack some skulls. dont worry though, we are making sure the fire department and emts dont give two shits about you... wanna swim in your own blood??" [redacted] was opened to investigate the threat. That investigation is still pending.

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3) On 05/19/2012, [redacted] a member of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC), e-mail address [redacted] received an e-mail titled, "Kill you." The originating e-mail address was from [redacted] and e-mail address [redacted] The content of the e-mail was as follows: "I just wanted to inform you that i have decided today i will be finishing what [redacted] did not. See you soon. [redacted] is as good as dead." [redacted] was opened on the threat and an investigation was conducted. A subject, [redacted] dob [redacted] Colorado was interviewed on 06/22/12, and admitted sending the e-mail, but denied any intent to harm. The [redacted] was closed.

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4) On 06/28/2012, the FBI was notified about an e-mail received by the WBC which contained a veiled threat. The e-mail, from [redacted] at e-mail address [redacted] and IP Address [redacted] was received by WBC on 06/28/2012 at 2:23 a.m. The content of the e-mail stated "God hates haters. Thank god for dead phelps. see you Sunday in Milwaukee. Ps your not welcome in Wisconsin...would be in your best interest NOT to show up." A suspect was developed, [redacted] w/m, DOB [redacted] residing in [redacted] Wisconsin. Upon being interviewed, [redacted] was deemed not to be a threat by authorities in Milwaukee.

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5) On 06/30/2012, the Topeka Police Department (TPD), Topeka, Kansas, arrested [redacted] for criminal damage, battery to a LEO, disorderly conduct, disobey lawful order, and obstruction. [redacted] was a Vietnam Veteran who expressed displeasure with WBC activities as they relate to pickets at U.S. soldier's funerals. [redacted] has a history of loud verbal confrontations with WBC members. To date, when [redacted] begins his confrontations, WBC members walk away. Although he did not mention WBC during this incident, in the past, [redacted] has had increasingly angry verbal confrontations with members of the WBC at their local Topeka pickets. Due to his increasingly unpredictable and violent behavior, [redacted] of the Westboro Baptist Church was contacted and provided a caution regarding WBC encounters with [redacted] b6 b7C

(U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted] For background, the WBC conducted more than 40,000 pickets in more than 780 U.S. cities the past 20 years. The message put out by WBC and its members was that "God hates the United States due to the U.S. tolerance of homosexuality," and that, "U.S. soldiers are dying because of God's anger toward this tolerance of homosexual lifestyles being permitted in the U.S." Since June 2010, the [redacted] has seen an increase in the number and severity of threats toward the WBC. The [redacted] developed relationships with leaders of the WBC in order to collect information regarding the source of these threats. As a result, the [redacted] has been able to provide intelligence to local, state, and federal law enforcement partners where WBC members conducted their pickets. b7E

(U//~~FOUO~~) The WBC activities evoke a strong emotional response from observers and a tendency towards violent threats directed at the WBC members. The WBC picketers are typically protected by a strong local and state law enforcement presence. These pickets also attract a large

number of counter-protesters. With the 03/02/2011 decision of the U.S. Supreme Court affirming the WBC's right to protest, the activity and threats are likely to continue.

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Title: (U) Westboro Baptist Church Control File Review.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 07/09/2012

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Information dissemination to Frederick, MD Police Department

Date: 08/30/2012

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U//~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA KS [redacted]

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Synopsis: (U) Report a response to a request for information regarding a WBC press release posted on their website.

[redacted]

Details:

On 08/28/2012, the writer received a query from Detective [redacted] Shawnee County Sheriff's Office (SNCoS) regarding a possible picket by Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) members at a funeral near Frederick, Maryland. The query originated from [redacted] Crime Analyst, Frederick, Maryland.

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The writer reviewed the picket schedule for WBC during the week 27-31 August 2012 and found no indication WBC planned to picket the funeral of Sgt. [redacted] at Fort Deitrich, Maryland. However, the writer did observe a WBC press release which acknowledged WBC awareness of the funeral of Sgt. [redacted] Due to past experience and input from WBC, the writer was aware that unless WBC contacted the local law

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enforcement agency and posted the picket on their website, they did not plan to picket that event. Therefore, the writer relayed that information to [redacted] via e-mail. The writer did not not receive a response to his repeated attempts at contact via telephone and/or e-mail to [redacted]

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The writer did not take any further action in this matter.

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Title: (U) Threat Assessment **Date:** 08/30/2012

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U//~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA KS [redacted] b7E

Synopsis: (U) Report threat assessment and intelligence dissemination activity and claim statistical accomplishments..

[redacted]

Details:

On 08/27/2012, SA [redacted] and writer received information of a potential threat to the Westboro Baptist Church out of the Miami, Flordia division. [redacted] at FBI Headquarters received a tip of a threat that was posted on the website 4CHAN.ORG. The threat advised of a killing spree against the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC). The writer found that members of the church were scheduled to picket in the area of the Republican National Convention, being held in Tampa, FL 08/28/2012-08/31/2012. WBC members were scheduled to be in Tampa on Tuesday 08/28 and Wednesday 08/29/2012. b6 b7C b7E

The WBC picketing schedule and threat information was shared with the Tampa Division's Supervisor of Domestic Terrorism for his situational awareness.

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Title: (U) Threat Assessment
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 08/30/2012

SA [redacted] reached out to [redacted] member of the WBC to relay the information for their situational awareness. b6 b7C

Through investigative methods, SA [redacted] of the Miami Division tracked the threat to a [redacted] year old male residing in the Miami Division AOR. The individual was interviewed and deemed not an actual threat. SA [redacted] will document his investigation in a 71-A.

Writer notes that the actual threat was never viewed by any member of the FBI, after [redacted] requested the IP address information from 4CHAN.ORG, which the website was cooperative with, the website then purged all of the associated post information. b7E

The writer along with SA [redacted] will continue to assess and disseminate information of threats regarding the WBC and thereby to any other individual or law enforcement member present at the scheduled picketing events. b6 b7C

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Title: (U) WBC in Burlington, Coffey County, Kansas in September 2012

Date: 09/11/2012

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U//~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA KS [redacted]

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Synopsis: (U) Report intelligence shared with Coffey County Sheriff's Office regarding upcoming WBC pickets at Burlington, Kansas area churches.

[redacted]

Details:

On 09/10/2012, the writer notified Deputy [redacted] Coffey County Sheriff's Office (COCoSO), regarding upcoming pickets by members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC). The WBC posted on their website they intended to conduct pickets outside of Trinity Lutheran Church, First Assembly of God Church, Burlington First Christian Church, St. Francis Xavier Church, and Burlington UMC, between 0830 hours and 1020 hours on 09/16/2012. Due to recent threat assessments being worked out of the [redacted] of the FBI KC, the writer shared current threat information toward WBC and it's members. Deputy [redacted] advised his office was coordinating with the Burlington Police Department (BPD) to maintain order.

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Title: (U) WBC in Burlington, Coffey County, Kansas in September 2012
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 09/11/2012

No further action was taken at this time.

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Title: (U) PFC Shane Cantu funeral in Corunna, Michigan **Date:** 09/10/2012

To: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U//~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA KS [redacted]

Synopsis: (U) Report information regarding threatening "tweets" reference a funeral and memorial service for PFC Shane Cantu in Corunna, Shiawassee, Michigan on 09/10/2012 was shared with the Flint, Michigan Resident Agency. b7E

[redacted]

Details:

On 09/09/2012, [redacted] Westboro Baptist Church (WBC), contacted the writer regarding a "tweet" received at wbc@speakfree.net, a site maintained by the WBC. The "tweet" was received on 09/09/2012 at 7:36 p.m. from [redacted] The content of the "tweet" stated the following: b6 b7C

"Just in case the FBI is watching me, I do in fact want to kill Westboro baptist members in Corunna, Michigan. Please bring the swat team."

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Title: (U) PFC Shane Cantu funeral in Corunna, Michigan
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 09/10/2012

[redacted] informed the writer the WBC has no intentions nor plans to travel to Corunna, Michigan on 09/10/2012 or in the near future. The writer confirmed on the WBC website, godhatesfags.com that WBC did not intend to conduct a picket of a funeral in Corunna, Michigan. The writer identified PFC Shane Cantu, as a U.S. Army soldier who was killed in action in Afghanistan on approximately 09/28/2012. PFC Cantu's memorial service and funeral were scheduled for Corunna, Michigan on 09/10/2012. b6 b7C

The writer conducted open source research for [redacted] The writer identified the site which contained several entries from an individual who articulated threats of violence against WBC and it's members.

On 09/10/2012, the writer e-mailed the information contained herein to SSRA [redacted] Flint, Michigan Resident Agency (FRA). The writer then received a call from SA [redacted] FRA. According to SA [redacted] news of WBC coming to Corruna, Michigan was being reported in the local media. The writer repeated information received from [redacted] to SA [redacted] SA [redacted] advised he would consult with his local partners regarding any potential problems which may arise from this misinformation. b6 b7C

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Uniontown, Bourbon County, Kansas funeral.

Date: 10/02/2012

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619

(U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA KS [redacted]

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Synopsis: (U) Report e-mail received regarding a soldier's funeral in Uniontown, Kansas.

[redacted]

Details:

On 09/29/2012, [redacted] reported receipt of an e-mail which referenced a picket the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) intended to conduct in Uniontown, Bourbon County, Kansas on 09/29/2012. The e-mail was from [redacted] The e-mail was sent to [redacted] and the subject line was titled "Stay Away."

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The content of the message stated as follows:

"Do you not realize that the men and women's funerals that you protest at are the ones who fought to give you the freedom of speech that allows you to protest at all? What you're doing is sick. Protes at concerts, or wherever. But not at funerals. That is beyone

disrespectful. People are trying to mourn the loss of their family and you're protesting? How would you feel? Doesn't seem very Christian-like. I don't recommend coming to Justin Hueston's funeral tomorrow. Its in your best interest to stay out of Bourbon County. Around here, we know what respect is, and we will fight for what we believe in. Stay away. Please. Let our community mourn the loss of not only a fallen soldier, but a friend, husband, son and brother."

The e-mail was dated 09/28/2012 and was from Internet Protocol (IP) Address [redacted] The writer determined the IP Address was geo-located near [redacted] Kansas. The writer assessed there was no threat issued in the aforementioned e-mail. However, the writer contacted Sheriff Ron Gray, Bourbon County Sheriff's Office and notified his office of the e-mail. Deputy [redacted] advised his office had security arrangements for the planned WBC picket. Deputy [redacted] agreed to contact the writer as needed. No further action was taken by the writer.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) WBC Picket in Raeford, NC on 10/12/2012 **Date:** 10/15/2012

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH, TOPEKA KS [redacted] b7E
[redacted]

Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) Report liaison outreach and intelligence sharing efforts regarding current WBC picket activities and threats to those activities.

[redacted]

Details:

On 10/11/2012, the writer received an e-mail from [redacted] regarding possible threats to Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) members who planned to picket the funeral of Sgt. Donna R. Johnson, a U.S. Army member's funeral in Raeford, North Carolina, scheduled for 10/13/2012. [redacted] provided the following e-mails received by WBC as examples of threats regarding to this planned picket:

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"Just wanted to let you fag bags know that both Rolling Thunder and the Patriot Guard will be in Raeford to give you a very unwarm welcome." From IP Address [redacted] which showed a geographic location of [redacted] Missouri.

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"I live in [redacted] *NC. In fact I live only a few blocks from the*

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Title: (U/~~/FOUO~~) WBC Picket in Raeford, NC on 10/12/2012
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 10/15/2012

cemetery you intend to hold the protest at. I really don't mind you coming into my neighborhood with your self righteous, homophobic religious extremist message as long as you don't mind me slaughtering every last one of you and bathing myself in your blood." From IP Address [redacted] which showed a geographic location of [redacted] NC. b6 b7C b7E

On 10/11/2012, the writer made contact with Chief Crumpler, Raeford Police Department (RPD), at telephone number [redacted] Chief Crumpler was aware of the threats and was working with his local and state partners on a plan to maintain distance between WBC and counter-protesters on the day of the funeral.

On 10/13/2012, Chief Crumpler reported a minor scuffle between a military member and WBC members. However, no arrests were made. At this time, the writer did not plan any further actions regarding the information contained herein.

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Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Authorized Investigative Methods **Date:** 10/15/2012

From: KANSAS CITY
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Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: SIA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) To document the authorized investigative methods for this [redacted]

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Details:

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Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Results of 90-day file review for Westboro Baptist Church [redacted] Topeka [redacted]

Date: 10/03/2012

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To: [redacted]

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: SSA [redacted]
SIA

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619

(U//~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS: [redacted]

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Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) Results of 90-day file review for Westboro Baptist Church [redacted]

Details:

(U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted] For background, the WBC conducted more than 40,000 pickets in more than 780 U.S. cities the past 20 years. The message put out by WBC and its members was that "God hates the United States due to the U.S. tolerance of homosexuality," and that, "U.S.

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Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Results of 90-day file review for Westboro Baptist Church [redacted] b7E
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(U/~~FOUO~~) [redacted] b7E

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 10/03/2012, a file review was conducted for the captioned assessment for the period [redacted] The purpose of the file review was to determine if the investigation had been conducted appropriately and whether or not the assessment should be continued. In order to make this determination, the following observations were noted:

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 06/30/2012, officers from the Topeka Police Department were dispatched to the 300 block of SW Lindenwood, Topeka, Kansas, reference criminal damage to property. A white male, identified as [redacted] was taken into custody for criminal damage, b6 b7C

Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Results of 90-day file review for Westboro Baptist Church [redacted] b7E
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 10/03/2012

battery to a LEO, disorderly conduct, disobey lawful order, and obstruction. [redacted] was a Vietnam Veteran who expressed displeasure with WBC activities as they relate to pickets at U.S. soldier's funerals. [redacted] has a history of loud verbal confrontations with WBC members. To date, when [redacted] begins his confrontations, WBC members walk away. b6 b7C b7E

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 06/28/2012, [redacted] Operations Officer, Southeastern Wisconsin Threat Analysis Center, indicated an e-mail was received by WBC that contained a veiled threat. The e-mail, from [redacted] at e-mail address [redacted] and IP Address [redacted] was received by WBC on 06/28/2012 at 2:23 a.m. The content of the e-mail stated the following:

"God hates haters. Thank god for dead phelps. see you Sunday in Milwaukee." Ps your not welcome in Wisconsin...would be in your best interest NOT to show up."

(U/~~FOUO~~) Officer [redacted] identified the author as [redacted] w/m, DOB [redacted] residing in [redacted] Wisconsin. Upon being interviewed, [redacted] was deemed not to be a threat by authorities in Milwaukee. b6 b7C b7E

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 07/19/2012, an EC was added which indicated [redacted] concerning threats to Westboro Baptist Church were closed.

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 07/25/2012, an EC was added detailing the planned protest by WBC on 07/22/2012 in conjunction with the memorial service for the victims of the Aurora, CO movie theater shootings.

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 08/03/2012, an EC was added that detailed the planned protests by WBC in Kansas City on 08/04/2012 and 08/05/2012; and Ottawa, KS on 08/19/2012.

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 08/28/2012, SA [redacted] received a query from Detective [redacted] Shawnee County Sheriff's Office (SNCoS) regarding a possible picket by Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) members at a funeral near b6 b7C

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Frederick, Maryland. The query originated from [redacted] Crime Analyst, Frederick, Maryland. b6 b7C b7E

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 08/27/2012, SA [redacted] received information of a potential threat to the Westboro Baptist Church out of the Miami, Florida division. [redacted] at FBI Headquarters received a tip of a threat that was posted on the website 4CHAN.ORG. The threat advised of a killing spree against the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC). Members of the church were scheduled to picket in the area of the Republican National Convention, being held in Tampa, FL 08/28/2012-08/31/2012. WBC members were scheduled to be in Tampa on Tuesday 08/28 and Wednesday 08/29/2012.

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 09/10/2012, SA [redacted] notified Deputy [redacted] Coffey County Sheriff's Office (COCoSO), regarding upcoming pickets by members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC). The WBC posted on their website they intended to conduct pickets outside of Trinity Lutheran Church, First Assembly of God Church, Burlington First Christian Church, St. Francis Xavier Church, and Burlington UMC, between 0830 hours and 1020 hours on 09/16/2012. b6 b7C

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 09/09/2012, [redacted] Westboro Baptist Church (WBC), contacted SA [redacted] regarding a "tweet" received at wbc@speakfree.net, a site maintained by the WBC. The "tweet" was received on 09/09/2012 at 7:36 p.m. from [redacted] The content of the "tweet" stated the following: b6 b7C

"Just in case the FBI is watching me, I do in fact want to kill Westboro baptist members in Corunna, Michigan. Please bring the swat team."

(U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted] informed SA [redacted] WBC had no intentions or plans to travel to Corunna, Michigan on 09/10/2012 or in the near future. b6 b7C

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 09/29/2012, [redacted] reported receipt of an e-mail which referenced a picket the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) intended to conduct in Uniontown, Bourbon County, Kansas on 09/29/2012.

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Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) WBC picket KSU v. Texas football game on 12/01/2012 **Date:** 12/04/2012

To: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

From: KANSAS CITY [redacted]

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U//~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS: [redacted] b7E

Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) Report information sharing efforts regarding scheduled WBC picket at KSU v. Texas football game on 12/01/2012.

[redacted]

Details:

On 11/30/2012, the writer received information that members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) intended to picket near the Kansas State University (KSU) versus the University of Texas (UT) football game on 12/01/2012. The writer confirmed that information and shared same with KSU Police Captain [redacted] and SA [redacted] The writer was not aware of any threats to WBC events at that time. b6 b7C

On 12/03/2012, the writer confirmed there were no hostile actions taken against WBC at the aforementioned picket. No further action was taken at this time.

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Re: 804I-KC-93619, 12/04/2012

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Update file with recent threats to the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) **Date:** 12/26/2012

To: [redacted]

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From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS:
[redacted]

Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) Report current investigative actions taken in possible hacking into WBC computers; a threat to fire bomb the WBC [redacted] and threat to shoot WBC members.

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Details:

As of 12/26/2012, the writer was tracking several incidents related to criminal threats against the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC). Those incidents, in no particular order, are as follows:

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On 12/21/2012, a sender identified as [redacted] e-mail address, [redacted] sent an e-mail to the WBC website which stated, ***"A group of us are going to fire bomb your church on Jan first***

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Re: 804I-KC-93619, 12/26/2012

as a new years thing. we don't want to hurt anybody so if you could clear out by midnight that would be grate. call the cops because we want to go to jail. the world will see us as hero's." It was determined the e-mail originated from IP Address [redacted] It was determined this e-mail address was geo-located in [redacted] Canada. This incident was written up as [redacted] A lead will be sent to the appropriate Legat in Canada.

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FBIHQ Counter Terrorism Division Guardian Operations Unit (GOU) Public Tip Line:

On 12/23/2012, the writer was notified by GOU of an Internet post which stated, ***"i live about 2 hours away from Topeka, Kansas. next Sunday I will walk into Westboro Baptist Church and kill every man, woman and child in there. stay tuned /b/"*** It was determined the original message was sent from IP Address [redacted] The writer was notified this IP Address resolved to Chicago via [redacted] FBI Kansas City will contact FBI Chicago in an attempt to further identify, locate, and interview the author of this message.

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Topeka Police Department (TPD), Standard Offense Report, Case number [redacted]

On 12/24/2012, [redacted] filed a complaint with TPD regarding a group called, "Anonymous" having taken over control of WBC's cox.net account and hacked into election polls and gaining information about 15 church members and published personal information on the Internet. The writer will review this TPD report and route to the appropriate investigative entity.

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The writer made appropriate notifications regarding safety to the TPD, Shawnee County Sheriff's Office (SNCoSO), and FBI KC Field Intelligence Analysts, [redacted]

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Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) WBC Planned Picket of funerals related to Connecticut School Shooting.

Date: 12/17/2012

To: [redacted]

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From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS: [redacted]

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Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) Reporting indicated a group calling themselves "Anonymous" posted personal information for WBC members on the Internet.

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Details:

On 12/16/2012, the writer was contacted by [redacted] member of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC), regarding posting of personal information of WBC members on the Internet. According to [redacted] *"someone was posting WBC members' SSN and other personal data so persons who are willing can use the information to harass."* The writer discovered an article at www.theblaze.com which indicated a group calling themselves "Anonymous" posted a message to work against WBC efforts. However, the writer did not consider the message a threat of

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Re: 804I-KC-93619, 12/17/2012

violence. [redacted] did not indicate that the WBC computers had been the target of a Cyber-related intrusion. b6 b7C

At this time, the writer did not consider a violation of Federal crime related to the information contained herein. [redacted] did indicate the WBC was tracking the scheduling of two (2) of the adult victims of the Newtown, Connecticut school shooting on 12/14/2012. [redacted] agreed to contact the writer if/when WBC schedules a picket related to this incident.

On 12/18/2012, the writer received queries from New Haven Division regarding WBC's reported intentions to picket at funerals of victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. The writer contacted [redacted] [redacted] who indicated although they posted intentions to picket the funeral of Sandy Hook Elementary Principal, Dawn Hocksprung, on 12/19/2012, from 2:15-3:00 p.m., as of 4:00 p.m. on 12/18/2012, WBC did not have a "team" in route, nor did they have plans to get a "team" in route to conduct that announced picket. [redacted] reminded the writer that unless or until WBC contacts the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the area in which the picket is planned, there will be no picket. [Note: It is the writer's experience that WBC will schedule pickets at funerals and other events, but not send a team unless/until they contact the local LE agency in that jurisdiction to arrange a location and time for their picket.] b6 b7C

On 12/18/2012, the writer notified [redacted] New Haven Division. The writer informed [redacted] at this time, it appeared WBC would not conduct the picket of Hockspring's funeral per their previous intentions. The writer will notify New Haven as this information changes. b6 b7C

No further action was taken at this time.

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Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Update threat status against members of WBC. **Date:** 01/25/2013

To: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) Report current threat status against members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) and to memorialize sharing current WBC picket schedule with partner agencies.

[redacted]

Details:

On 01/22/2013, the writer forwarded [redacted] the current schedule for time and location for upcoming WBC pickets. Currently, the writer had [redacted] for threats against WBC, those being [redacted] The writer identified IP Address locations for the e-mail threats associated with these Assessments. A lead was sent to Chicago related to [redacted] to further identify, locate, and interview the originator of that e-mail. A lead will be sent to Canadian authorities to further identify, locate, and interview b6 b7C b7E

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the originator of the e-mail threat related to [redacted] In both mattes, the authors of those threats will be assessed for potential actionable prosecution.

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The writer also notified IA [redacted] of upcoming WBC pickets in the Kansas City, Missouri area. On 01/25/2013, WBC was scheduled to picket near the Sprint Center from 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Also, members of WBC were scheduled to picket at the Sprint Center on 02/04/2013 from 6:45 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The writer also notified SA [redacted] Manhattan Resident Agency (MRA), that members of WBC plan to conduct a picket on 01/29/2013, on the Kansas State University (KSU) campus from 9:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. The picket will coincide with a speech being delivered by Michael Oren, Israeli Ambassador to the United States. At this time, the writer was unaware of any threats to this event.

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Title: (U//~~FOUO//LES~~) Kansas State University Landon Lecture Picket.

Date: 01/30/2013

To: [redacted]

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From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: SSA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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[redacted]

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Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO//LES~~) On 01/29/2013, members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) from Topeka, Kansas, picketed on the main campus of Kansas State University (KSU) prior to a Landon Lecture Series event featuring Israeli Ambassador to the United States (U.S.), Michael Oren.

[redacted]

Reference: 804I-KC-93619 Serial 110

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:
1. (U) Westboro Baptist Church News Release dated 01/23/2013.

Details:

On 01/29/2013, WBC members protested the participation of Israeli Ambassador to the U.S., Michael Oren, prior to the 162nd presentation

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Title: (U//~~FOUO//LES~~) Kansas State University Landon Lecture Picket.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 01/30/2013

of the Landon Lecture Series held at Forum Hall in the Student Union on KSU's main campus in Manhattan, Kansas. Approximately 10 WBC members began their picket at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of 17th Street and Anderson Avenue on the South side of KSU's campus. The picket concluded at 10:15 a.m. WBC's protest activities occurred without incident.

At the request of KSU Police Department personnel, Special Agents from the FBI Kansas City Division (KCD) Manhattan Resident Agency (MRA), provided pre-planning and on-site support relative to the 01/29/2013 Landon Lecture. Additional law enforcement agencies supporting the event included the Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) K-9 Unit, Riley County Police Department (RCPD), and the U.S. Department of State (DoS), Diplomatic Security Service (DSS).

Included in the 1A Package section of this communication is a copy of a WBC News Release dated 01/23/2013 and titled, "ISREAL IS DOOMED". The News Release stated "WBC to picket the Landon Lecture Series Speaker Israeli Ambassador Michael Oren at the KSU Forum Hall (119 Anderson Hall, Manhattan, KS) on Tues., January 29 from 9:30-10:15 AM".

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ISRAEL IS DOOMED

WBC TO PICKET THE LANDON LECTURE SERIES SPEAKER ISRAELI AMBASSADOR MICHAEL OREN AT THE KSU FORUM HALL (119 ANDERSON HALL, MANHATTAN, KS) ON TUES., JANUARY 29 FROM 9:30 – 10:15 AM

Michael Oren has been ambassador to U.S.A. since 2009; as one of the five most influential Jewish leaders in America and one of the 10 most influential Jewish leaders worldwide, he has a non-delegable duty to TELL THE TRUTH! But God has blinded your leaders, such that they stagger like drunks! *"They grope in the dark without light, and he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man."* Job 12:25. God has confounded your leaders & they've led you astray. Now, you've fulfilled this prophecy, & God is cursing you! *"This people will rise up, & go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land... & will forsake me, & break my covenant... & I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought."* Deut. 31:16-18. You have filled modern Jewry with abominations, forsaken God & broken His covenant; He promised you curses for that! The Lord your God promised that if you forsook His law, He would destroy your substance, multiply your sickness & plagues, expel you from off the land & cause you to eat your children. As God rejoiced to do you good, He now rejoices *"to destroy you, and to bring you to nought."* Deut. 28:63. God has changed your Israeli national anthem from "The Hope" to NO HOPE. Come out from among them, good figs & be ye separate: The LORD is coming!

The final day of God's indignation is coming!

Only the Elect Jews Will Repent, Mourn & Be Sealed & Delivered

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U/~~/FOUO~~) Results of 90-day file review for Westboro Baptist Church [redacted] **Date:** 01/14/2013

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To: [redacted]

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: SSA [redacted]
SSRA [redacted]
A/SIA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Synopsis: (U/~~/FOUO~~) Results of 90-day file review for Westboro Baptist Church [redacted]

Details:

(U/~~/FOUO~~) [redacted]

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(U/~~/FOUO~~) [redacted] For background, the WBC conducted more than 40,000 pickets in more than 780 U.S. cities the past 20 years. The

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Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Results of 90-day file review for Westboro Baptist Church [redacted] b7E
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 01/14/2013

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(U/~~FOUO~~) [redacted] b7E

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(U/~~FOUO~~) On 11/30/2012, the FBI was informed that the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) planned to picket near the Kansas State University (KSU)

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Re: 804I-KC-93619, 01/14/2013

versus the University of Texas (UT) football game on 12/01/2012. No threats to WBC events were known at the time.

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 12/26/2012, threats involving the possible hacking of WBC computers; a threat to fire bomb the WBC [redacted]; and a threat to shoot WBC members were added to the file. b7E

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 12/26/2012, reporting indicated a group calling themselves "Anonymous" posted personal information of WBC members on the internet, after WBC announced their plans to picket funerals of the victims of the Newtown, CT shootings.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) WBC picket information dissemination. **Date:** 04/02/2013

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS:
[redacted]

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Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) Memorialize dissemination of upcoming picket information for April 2013 to FBI and LE liaison personnel.

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Details:

On 04/01/2013, the writer disseminated upcoming WBC picket information to FBI Kansas City Intelligence Analyst (IA) [redacted] and SA [redacted] [redacted] The writer also disseminated this information to law enforcement partners at the Lawrence, Kansas Police Department (LKPD) and Kansas University (KU) Police Department. The writer reported no derogatory information and/or threats to WBC members at this time.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Results of 90-day file review for Westboro Baptist Church [redacted] **Date:** 04/10/2013

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To: [redacted]

From: KANSAS CITY
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Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: SSA [redacted]
SSRA [redacted]
SIA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) Results of 90-day file review for Westboro Baptist Church [redacted]

Details:

(U/~~FOUO~~) [redacted]

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(U/~~FOUO~~) [redacted] For background, the WBC conducted more than

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40,000 pickets in more than 780 U.S. cities the past 20 years. The message put out by WBC and its members was that "God hates the United States due to the U.S. tolerance of homosexuality," and that, "U.S. soldiers are dying because of God's anger toward this tolerance of homosexual lifestyles being permitted in the U.S." Since June 2010, the [redacted] has seen an increase in the number and severity of threats toward the WBC. The [redacted] developed relationships with leaders of the WBC in order to collect information regarding the source of these threats. As a result, the [redacted] has been able to provide intelligence to local, state, and federal law enforcement partners where WBC members conducted their pickets.

(U/~~FOUO~~) [redacted] b7E

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 04/10/2013, a file review was conducted for the captioned assessment for the period [redacted] The purpose of the file review was to determine if the investigation had been conducted appropriately and whether or not the assessment should be continued. In order to make this determination, the following observations were noted:

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 01/25/2013 upcoming Westboro Baptist Church protests at

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Re: 804I-KC-93619, 04/10/2013

the Sprint Center in Kansas City on 01/25/2013, and Kansas State University on 01/29/2013 were documented. The status of active threats against Westboro Baptist Church, documented in [redacted] b7E [redacted] were also added to the file.

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 01/30/2013 further details of the 01/29/2013 Westboro Baptist Church protest at Kansas State University were documented.

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Import Form

Form Type: EMAIL **Date:** 05/31/2013

Title: (U) Threat to Westboro Baptist Church

Approved By: SSRA [redacted] b6 b7C

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U//~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS: [redacted] b7E

Synopsis: (U) SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] of Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) and advised him of an e-mail threat sent to the Topeka Capital Journal on 05/28/2013, referenced in [redacted] [redacted] In response, [redacted] gave SA [redacted] e-mails that they received around the same time. There is no evidence to suggest they are related to the same individual and are being placed to the file for situational awareness. b6 b7C b7E

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 9:26 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Fw: Fwd: 10 days

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2 of 2. Talk tomorrow.

From [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Sent: Wed May 29 20:19:34 2013
Subject: Fwd: 10 days

See. He (or she) is also counting down the days.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** [redacted]
> **Date:** May 29, 2013, 10:00:02 AM CDT
> **To:** [redacted]
> **Subject: Re: 10 days**
>
> 9 days :)
>
> On May 28, 2013, at 3:53 PM, [redacted] wrote:
>
> That's how long your church will remain standing on this earth.
>
> Make sure to do a clean sweep ;)

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Recent threat assessment update. **Date:** 06/07/2013

To: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS:
[redacted]

Synopsis: (U) Update the file regarding a recent threat outlined in [redacted] and Internet Activity Report number [redacted] b7E

[redacted]

Details:

On 06/05/2013, the writer was informed of the results of a lead set to further identify, locate, interview, and conduct a threat assessment on the author of threatening statements outlined in Internet Activity Report number [redacted] The details of those statements were provided to Atlanta Division via [redacted] the results of which were reported on 06/05/2013 in [redacted] b7E
The reporting investigator indicated no credible threat related to this incident. No further action was taken at this time.

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Re: 804I-KC-93619, 06/07/2013

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Threat Assessment for WBC pickets for July 2013 **Date:** 06/17/2013

To: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

From: KANSAS CITY [redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS: [redacted] b7E

Synopsis: (U) Report WBC pickets upcoming in July 2013 for situational awareness.

[redacted]

Details:

On 06/17/2013, the writer reported upcoming pickets by the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) in the Kansas City Metropolitan area. The writer reported that the WBC will picket events at the Spring Center on the following dates:

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07/12/2013

07/19/2013

07/21/2013

The writer reported no credible threats to members of the WBC at this time. The writer reported these events and dates to the KC field office for situational awareness purposes only.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Threat assessment for WBC presence in OKC. **Date:** 07/08/2013

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS:
[redacted]

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Synopsis: (U) Report checks for the presence of members of the WBC at a funeral in Oklahoma City, OK on this date.

[redacted]

Details:

On this date, the writer was contacted by SA [redacted] OKC, regarding rumors that members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) would protest the funeral of an OKC man on this date. On this date, the writer had conducted normal checks for WBC pickets and OKC was not on that list. The writer asked SA [redacted] if a WBC representative had contacted the OKC Police Department which was their normal modus operandi prior to a picket. SA [redacted] was not aware that WBC had contacted the OKCPD. Therefore, based on experience with and input from WBC members, the writer did not believe WBC and/or it's members intended to participate in a picket in OKC on this date.

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Re: 804I-KC-93619, 07/08/2013

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Communication with Criminal Intelligence Unit, Vancouver Police Department.

Date: 07/18/2013

To: [redacted]

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From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS:
[redacted]

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Synopsis: (U) Memorialize response to query from the U.S. Consulate Vancouver and the Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada Police Department regarding a threat assessment of a potential picket by the Westboro Baptist Church.

[redacted]

Details:

On 07/17/2013, the writer was contacted by Assistant Legal Attache (ALAT) [redacted] U.S. Consulate Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. ALAT [redacted] advised his liaison with the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) was in the threat assessment process over news that members of the WPD intended to conduct a picket at the memorial service/funeral for deceased Glee actor Cory Monteith. ALAT [redacted]

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confirmed he would provide Criminal Intelligence Officer [redacted] [redacted] the writer's contact information for further follow up. b6 b7C

On 07/17/2013, the writer was contacted by [redacted] who requested information as to any current threats to members of the WBC and what type of issues a WBC picket may present to their community. The writer advised there were no current known threats to the WBC members and/or planned picket activities. The writer further explained the WBC standard operating procedure for conducting their pickets was to contact the Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) in the jurisdiction in which they planned to picket. The writer advised further that at this time, the WBC picket schedule did not indicate a plan to picket the Monteith services.

[redacted] provided information received on Twitter that indicated members of the WBC were in route to Canada and had one of their buses towed somewhere along I-70. [redacted] advised the brief discussion indicated they were "heading north," and they may have to "walk across the border." [redacted] was conducting a proactive threat assessment in the event WBC members came to Vancouver in an attempt avoid any potential adverse interactions between WBC members and counter-protestors. The writer agreed to contact WBC regarding any current threats received by them regarding this issue. b6 b7C

On 07/17/2013, the writer contacted [redacted] WBC, regarding any current threats toward WBC and/or it's members. The writer also asked if WBC members were in route to Canada. [redacted] identified no current threats and he denied WBC members planned to conduct any pickets in Canada. No additional information was provided at this time. b6 b7C

Title: (U) Communication with Criminal Intelligence Unit, Vancouver Police Department.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 07/18/2013

On 07/18/2013, the writer was contacted by [redacted] advised Monteith had been cremated and no formal memorial and/or funeral service was planned at this time. [redacted] stated the family planned a private ceremony which had not yet been scheduled. [redacted] advised neither the Vancouver Police Department nor the Victory Police Department had been contacted by any members of the WBC to seek guidance on performing a picket. b6 b7C

On 07/18/2013, the writer concluded, through information obtained from [redacted] the media, and Law Enforcement Agencies in Canada, members of the WBC will not conduct a picket in relation to a memorial/funeral service for Monteith. Therefore, the writer did not identify a credible threat at this time.

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Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Results of 90-day file review for Westboro Baptist Church [redacted] **Date:** 07/25/2013 b7E

To: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

From: KANSAS CITY [redacted]

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS: [redacted] b7E

Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) Results of 90-day file review for Westboro Baptist Church [redacted]

Details:

(U/~~FOUO~~) [redacted] b7E

(U/~~FOUO~~) [redacted] For background, the WBC conducted more than 40,000 pickets in more than 780 U.S. cities the past 20 years. The message put out by WBC and its members was that "God hates the United

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Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Results of 90-day file review for Westboro Baptist Church [redacted] b7E
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 07/25/2013

States due to the U.S. tolerance of homosexuality," and that, "U.S. soldiers are dying because of God's anger toward this tolerance of homosexual lifestyles being permitted in the U.S." Since June 2010, the [redacted] has seen an increase in the number and severity of threats toward the WBC. The [redacted] developed relationships with leaders of the WBC in order to collect information regarding the source of these threats. As a result, the [redacted] has been able to provide intelligence to local, state, and federal law enforcement partners where WBC members conducted their pickets.

(U/~~FOUO~~) [redacted] b7E

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 07/25/2013, a file review was conducted for the captioned assessment for the period [redacted] The purpose of the file review was to determine if the investigation had been conducted appropriately and whether or not the assessment should be continued. In order to make this determination, the following observations were noted:

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 05/29/2013, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] of Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) and advised him of an e-mail threat sent to the Topeka Capital Journal on 05/28/2013, referenced in [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

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Re: 804I-KC-93619, 07/25/2013

[redacted] In response, [redacted] gave SA [redacted] e-mails that they received around the same time. There was no evidence to suggest they were related to the same individual. b6 b7C b7E

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 06/05/2013, SA [redacted] was informed of the results of a lead set to further identify, locate, interview, and conduct a threat assessment on the author of threatening statements outlined in Internet Activity Report number [redacted] The details of those statements were provided to Atlanta Division via [redacted] the results of which were reported on 06/05/2013 in [redacted] The reporting investigator indicated no credible threat was related to this incident.

(U/~~FOUO~~) On 06/17/2013, SA [redacted] reported upcoming pickets by the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) in the Kansas City Metropolitan area for the month of July. Picket events were scheduled at the Sprint Center. b6 b7C

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Title: (U) Threat update. **Date:** 09/17/2013

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS:
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Synopsis: (U) Update potential threats to members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) during regularly scheduled picket activities.

[redacted]

Details:

On 09/13/2013, the writer updated IA [redacted] and SA [redacted] regarding current and planned pickets to members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC). The writer is currently aware of any overt threats to the WBC and/or it's members. The writer is aware that members of the WBC plan to picket a concert by Mumford and Sons at the Cricket Wireless Amphitheater in Bonner Springs, KS on the evening of 09/20/2013. At this time, the writer is not aware of any threats to WBC and/or it's members related to this event.

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Title: (U) Threat update.
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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) WBC Press Release regarding impending picket in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Date: 10/03/2013

From: KANSAS CITY

Contact:

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Approved By:

Drafted By:

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(U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS:

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Synopsis: (U) The purpose of this communication is to report assessment of a threat to an upcoming WBC picket.

Details:

On 10/02/2013, the writer notified SA's and that members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) announced their intention to conduct a picket near the Central High School in St. Joseph, Missouri on 10/11/2013 from 1425-1500 hours. The writer was not aware of any threats to WBC and/or it's members at this time. The writer did find any credible threats to WBC and/or it's members at this time. No further action was taken.

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Title: (U) WBC Press Release regarding impending picket in St. Joseph, Missouri.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 10/03/2013

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Title: (U) Situational awareness report to St. Louis Division regarding upcoming picket by WBC.

Date: 10/21/2013

CC: [redacted]

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From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U//~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS:
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Synopsis: (U) The purpose of this communication was to provide a situational awareness report to FBI St. Louis regarding the intent by members of the Westboro Baptist Church to conduct pickets in St. Louis during the upcoming Major League Baseball (MLB) World Series.

[redacted]

Details:

On 10/21/2013, the writer notified SA [redacted] WMDC, FBI St. Louis, regarding the intention of members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) to conduct a picket during the upcoming MLB World Series game(s) in St. Louis, Missouri. In an unclassified e-mail, the writer sent links to press releases posted on the WBC website, www.godhatesfag

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Title: (U) Situational awareness report to St. Louis Division regarding upcoming picket by WBC.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 10/21/2013

s.com, the WBC intent to conduct pickets on 10/26/2013 and 10/27/2013, during games #3 and #4 of the MLB World Series. Additionally, WBC posted a press release which announced their intention to conduct a picket at North High School in St. Louis on 10/26/2013.

The writer is unaware at this time of any credible threats to WBC and/or it's members. If that situation changes, the writer will make the appropriate notifications.

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Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Update planned WBC pickets in KC area of responsibility. **Date:** 11/04/2013

From: KANSAS CITY
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Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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[redacted]

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Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) The purpose of this communication is to report current WBC picket plans and current threat reporting.

[redacted]

Details:

On 11/04/2013, the writer provided updated information on upcoming pickets by Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) in the Kansas City Metropolitan area. Currently, members of the WBC plan to picket the following events in the Kansas City Metropolitan area in November 2013:

11/08/2013, Keith Urban Concert, Sprint Center;

11/13/2013, Margaret Cho Comedy presentation, Folly Theatre;

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Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Update planned WBC pickets in KC area of responsibility.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 11/04/2013

11/17/2013, Selena Gomez Concert, Sprint Center.

The writer notified Special Events Coordinator (SEC) SA [redacted] and IA [redacted] regarding these events. At this time, the writer did not have any indications of a threat or threats to WBC and/or its' members regarding these events. The writer will advise if this situation changes. b6 b7C

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Results of 90-day file review for Westboro Baptist Church [redacted] **Date:** 11/06/2013

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From: KANSAS CITY [redacted]

Contact: [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS: [redacted]

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Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) Results of 90-day file review for Westboro Baptist Church [redacted]

[redacted]

Details:

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[redacted] For background, the WBC conducted more than 40,000 pickets in more than 780 U.S. cities the past 20 years. The message put out by WBC and its members was that "God hates the United States

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due to the U.S. tolerance of homosexuality," and that, "U.S. soldiers are dying because of God's anger toward this tolerance of homosexual lifestyles being permitted in the U.S." Since June 2010, the [redacted] has seen an increase in the number and severity of threats toward the WBC. The [redacted] developed relationships with leaders of the WBC in order to collect information regarding the source of these threats. As a result, the [redacted] has been able to provide intelligence to local, state, and federal law enforcement partners where WBC members conducted their pickets.

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On 11/04/2013, a file review was conducted for the captioned assessment for the period [redacted] The purpose of the file review was to determine if the investigation had been conducted appropriately and whether or not the assessment should be continued. In order to make this determination, the following observations were noted:

Title: (U//~~FOUO~~) Results of 90-day file review for Westboro Baptist Church [redacted] b7E
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 11/06/2013

On 09/13/2013, the writer updated IA [redacted] and SA [redacted] regarding current and planned pickets to members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC). At that time, the writer was not aware of any overt threats to the WBC and/or it's members. The writer was aware that members of the WBC planned to picket a concert by Mumford and Sons at the Cricket Wireless Amphitheater in Bonner Springs, KS on the evening of 09/20/2013. No unusual incidents occurred at that picket event. b6 b7C

On 10/02/2013, the writer notified SA's [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] St. Joseph Resident Agency (SJRA), that members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) announced their intention to conduct a picket near the Central High School in St. Joseph, Missouri on 10/11/2013 from 1425-1500 hours. The writer was not aware of any threats to WBC and/or it's members at that time. No unusual incidents occurred at that picket event. b6 b7C

On 10/21/2013, the writer notified SA [redacted] WMDC, FBI St. Louis, regarding the intention of members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) to conduct a picket during Games 3 & 4 of the MLB World Series games in St. Louis, Missouri. No unusual incidents occurred at these picket events. b6 b7C

Throughout the past 90-days, the writer notified FBI KC of planned WBC picket events which occurred primarily at the Sprint Center and corresponded to entertainment events. In the past 90-day period, no unusual incidents occurred at these picket events.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Update case file. **Date:** 12/18/2013

CC: [redacted]

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From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS:
[redacted]

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Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) The purpose of this communication was to update the case file regarding current threats and/or lack thereof to WBC pickets.

[redacted]

Details:

On 12/17/2013, the writer notified SA [redacted] regarding upcoming pickets scheduled by members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC). The notification was made to advise of current threats to this group. At this time, WBC scheduled pickets at the Sprint Center on 01/18/2014; KC Music Hall on 01/19/2014, Midland Theatre on 02/01/2014, and Sprint Center on 02/13/2014. The writer is not aware of any threats to the

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Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Update case file.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 12/18/2013

WBC and/or it's members at this time. The writer is currently not conducting any threat assessments in this matter. The writer will make appropriate notifications if the current threat environment changes.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Report intelligence sharing. **Date:** 01/16/2014

CC: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS:
[redacted] b7E

Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) The purpose of this communication is to report intelligence sharing regarding upcoming pickets by members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) and report the status of threats against these activities.

[redacted]

Details:

During the week of 01/06/2014, the writer reviewed the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) picket schedule. The writer notified Special Events Coordinator (SEC) SA [redacted] and Intelligence Analists (IAs) [redacted] and [redacted] that WBC members intend to conduct pickets at the following venues within the Kansas City Division area of responsibility (AOR): b6 b7C

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01/18/2014, Sprint Center, George Strait concert;

01/19/2014, Kansas City Music Hall, Theresa Caputo (Long Island Medium);

02/01/2014, Midland Theatre, Bill Cosby (Comedian);

02/13/2014, Sprint Center, Jeff Dunham (Comedian).

At this time, the writer is not aware of any threats against WBC members and/or the scheduled events described herein. The writer will report any changes in the current status.

As a reminder to the file, the writer clarifies that WBC routinely posts "Press Releases" and "Pickets." The writer has received queries from law enforcement (LE) partners from multiple jurisdictions around the United States regarding threats to WBC pickets. The writer reminds the file that WBC contacts have informed the writer that unless the WBC posts the event as a "Picket," **AND** contacts the local LE agency to make logistical arrangements for their picket, they will NOT conduct the picket. The writer obtained this clarification at various times from [redacted] and [redacted] b6 b7C

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Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Intelligence Sharing. **Date:** 02/11/2014

CC: [redacted]

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From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS:
[redacted]

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Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) The purpose of this communication is to notify the Jefferson City Resident Agency (JCRA) of an upcoming picket by members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

[redacted]

Details:

On 02/11/2014, the writer notified Intelligence Analysists (IAs) [redacted] and [redacted] and Special Agent (SA) [redacted] regarding the following upcoming pickets by members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC):

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Title: (U/~~/FOUO~~) Intelligence Sharing.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 02/11/2014

02/13/2014, Sprint Center, Comedian Jeff Dunham;

02/15/2014, Sprint Center, Singer Lady Antebellum;

02/15/2014, University of Missouri, [redacted] b6 b7C

The writer was not currently aware of any threats to these events and/or members of the WBC. The writer will make the appropriate notifications upon receipt of any threats.

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Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS [redacted] **Date:** 02/21/2014

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CC: [redacted]

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From: KANSAS CITY
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: SSRA [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS: [redacted]

[redacted] (U) [redacted]

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Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) To document information provided to the University of Missouri Police Department regarding planned protest at the University of Missouri by captioned group.

[redacted]

Details:

On 02/11/2014, writer provided information from Topeka RA regards the planned 02/15/2014 protest at the University of Missouri by Westboro Baptist church (WBC) to University of Missouri Police Department (MUPD)

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Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS: [redacted] b7E
[redacted]

Re: 804I-KC-93619, 02/21/2014

Captain [redacted] Writer communicated to [redacted] that FBI Kansas City had no threat reporting or known threats associated with the planned protest or expected counter-protest. b6 b7C

On 02/14/2014, writer was contacted by MUPD Assistant Chief [redacted] [redacted] seeking any additional information FBI Kansas City might have on WBC. Writer informed [redacted] that FBI Kansas City had no threat reporting or known threats associated with the planned 02/15/2014 protest or counter-protest and that Topeka RA maintained a dynamic liaison relationship with WBC.

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Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Question of WBC picket at memorial service in Springfield, Missouri.

Date: 02/24/2014

CC: [redacted]

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From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

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(U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS:
[redacted]

[redacted]

(U) [redacted]
HAILEY OWENS(JUVENILE)-VICTIM;
CHILD ABDUCTIONS-NO RANSOM

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Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) The purpose of this communication is to memorialize communication conducted regarding a possible picket by WBC at a memorial service scheduled in Springfield, Missouri on Saturday, 02/22/2014 and assessment for potential violence against the scheduled picket.

[redacted]

Details:

Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Question of WBC picket at memorial service in Springfield, Missouri.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 02/24/2014

On 02/21/2014, the writer learned of a social media discussion whereby members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) may plan to picket a memorial service for the captioned victim, Hailey Owens. At this time and date, the writer did not find any evidence that members of the WBC planned to conduct a picket at this event. Furthermore, since there was no evidence of a picket, the writer did not find any evidence of a threat against WBC and/or it's members related to this issue.

For information of the file, the writer learned that no representatives of the WBC had contacted law enforcement in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri at this time to arrange to conduct a picket. Nor has WBC posted plans to picket this event on their website, www.godhatesfags.com.

If the writer learns WBC does plan to picket the memorial service for Owens, the writer will work with the recipients to conduct a thorough threat assessment.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Update threat stream against WBC. **Date:** 03/17/2014

CC: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

From: KANSAS CITY [redacted]

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS: [redacted] b7E

Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) The purpose of this communication is to update the file regarding potential threats against pickets and members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC).

[redacted]

Enclosure(s): Enclosed are the following items:

1. (U) CJ Online News Article on the health of Pastor Fred Phelps, Sr.

Details:

On 03/17/2014, the writer notified SA [redacted] of upcoming b6 b7C

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Title: (U) Update threat stream against WBC.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 03/17/2014

pickets by members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) in order to anticipate potential threats of violent activities against that group. At this time, WBC planned pickets in Kansas City on 04/19/2014, Midland Theatre; 04/21/2014, Midland Theatre; and 04/15/2014, Sprint Center. The writer also noted the WBC planned pickets in the Dallas/Fort Worth Texas area for 04/06/2014. At this time, the writer was not aware of any threats to these events. On this same date, the writer forwarded this information to SA [redacted] The writer will make appropriate notifications if the current threat environment changes.

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The writer also noted an increase in news articles regarding the health condition of Pastor Fred Phelps, Sr. At this time, it appeared Pastor Phelps was in Hospice care. The writer noted no threats regarding Pastor Phelps.

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Title: (U) Threat update regarding Pastor Fred Phelps, Sr. in Hospice care. **Date:** 03/18/2014

CC: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

From: KANSAS CITY [redacted]

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS: [redacted] b7E

Synopsis: (U) The purpose of this communication is to report information regarding attempts by individual(s) to covertly enter Midland Care Hospice, Topeka, Kansas and gain access to Pastor Fred Phelps, Sr.

[redacted]

Details:

On 03/17/2014, the writer received a telephone call from [redacted] [redacted] Westboro Baptist Church (WBC). [redacted] advised [redacted] Pastor Fred Phelps, Sr., has been moved to Midland Care Hospice (MCH), 200 SW Frazier, Topeka, Kansas, due to his declining health. [redacted] b6 b7C

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Title: (U) Threat update regarding Pastor Fred Phelps, Sr. in Hospice care.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 03/18/2014

advised the MCH has been receiving inquiries as to the specific location of Pastor Phelps at the facility. [redacted] advised some of the callers have been hostile toward MCH employees when information is declined to the caller. Although there has been no major incidents to date, [redacted] expressed fear that someone may make a bomb-threat call which would cause a great deal of problems for MCH staff and patients. [redacted] advised he would be working with the Topeka Police Department (TPD) and the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office (SNCoSO) to handle any emergency situations. b6 b7C

At the present time, there are no threats which would require an FBI response. There is no intelligence which would indicate a threat to MCH. The writer recognizes, due to Pastor Phelps' high national and international profile, there is a potential for information seekers to contact MCH and possibly try to covertly enter MCH to photograph Pastor Phelps. The writer will maintain contact with TPD and the SNCoSO should a Federal response and/or resources be necessary.

According to [redacted] could survive his current health crisis for a matter of days or could make a complete recovery. Due to the high profile of Pastor Phelps and the number of threats to the WBC in the past, the writer forwards this information to the recipients for situational awareness purposes only. b6 b7C

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Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Update current threat stream for WBC pickets. **Date:** 04/07/2014

CC: [redacted] b6 b7C b7E

From: KANSAS CITY [redacted]

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS: [redacted] b7E

Synopsis: (U/~~FOUO~~) The purpose of this communication is to update the current threat stream against pickets to be conducted by members of the Westboro Baptist Church.

[redacted]

Details:

On 04/07/2014, the writer updated the recipients on upcoming pickets planned by members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) and to assess current threats against those venues. The following pickets in the Kansas City area of responsibility were on the current WBC picket schedule:

Title: (U/~~FOUO~~) Update current threat stream for WBC pickets.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 04/07/2014

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas - 04/11/2014

Midland Theatre, Kansas City, Missouri - 04/13/2014

Sprint Center, Kansas City, Missouri - 04/14/2014

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas - 04/18/2014

Midland Theatre, Kansas City, Missouri - 05/09/2014

On 04/06/2014, members of the WBC conducted a picket in Moore, Oklahoma. Although they were chased from their picket site within a few minutes of beginning that picket, there were no physical altercations and no injuries sustained by WBC members.

Currently, the writer is assessing a threat received via e-mail on approximately 03/20/2014 at Midland Care Hospice (MCH) while Fred Phelps was a patient at that facility. To date, investigation has not revealed the subject in that matter. The writer will make appropriate notifications if the current threat stream changes.

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Memorialize intelligence sharing in the captioned threat assessment.

Date: 04/16/2014

CC: [redacted]

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From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS:
[redacted]

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Synopsis: (U) The purpose of this communication is to memorialize sharing upcoming picket information for the purposes of assessing potential threats.

[redacted]

Details:

The writer learned that members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) intended to picket the funeral of William Corporon and Reat Underwood on Friday, 04/18/2014, at approximately 1500 hours. The services will be held at the Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe

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Title: (U) Memorialize intelligence sharing in the captioned threat assessment.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 04/16/2014

Ave., Leawood, Kansas. A liaison with WBC contacted the Leawood Police Department to make arrangements for the picket location.

The writer is unaware of any current credible threats against WBC and/or its' members. The WBC liaison did not report any current credible threats to the writer. The writer will make appropriate notifications as appropriate.

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Title: (U) Report inquiry by local Law Enforcement regarding WBC picket.

Date: 04/21/2014

CC: [redacted]

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From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U//~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS:
[redacted]

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Synopsis: (U) The purpose of this communication is to memorialize a query by the Leawood, Kansas Police Department regarding death threats against the Westboro Baptist Church.

[redacted]

Details:

On 04/18/2014, TFO [redacted] Overland Park, Kansas Police Department (OPPD), and a Task Force Officer with the FBI KC Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF), telephonically contacted the writer. TFO [redacted] received a query from a Leawood, Kansas Police Department (LPD) regarding death threats against members of the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC). By way of background, members of the WBC notified LPD they would conduct a picket of funerals of victims from the Overland

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Title: (U) Report inquiry by local Law Enforcement regarding WBC picket.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 04/21/2014

Park Jewish Community Center (JCC) today at approximately 1500 hours. The funerals for William Corporon and Reat Underwood were scheduled to be held at the UMC of the Resurrection Church in Leawood, Kansas on this date.

TFO [redacted] advised the LPD had not received any threats related to the planned WBC picket. The writer then telephonically contacted [redacted] to check on potential threats received by WBC related to the planned picket in Leawood, Kansas on this date. [redacted] advised they had not received any threats related to their plans to picket funerals to be held in Leawood this afternoon. [redacted] identified Sgt. [redacted] LPD, as their contact person. [redacted] agreed to contact the writer if WBC received any new threats today. b6 b7C

The writer reported this information to TFO [redacted] who agreed to share this information with the LPD. The writer will contact TFO [redacted] and the LPD if the current threat situation changes. At this time, no known threat existed related to the planned picket in Leawood, Kansas. The writer will take appropriate action if the current situation changes. b6 b7C

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Electronic Communication

Title: (U) Case closing. **Date:** 05/09/2014

CC: [redacted]

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From: KANSAS CITY
[redacted]
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 804I-KC-93619 (U/~~FOUO~~) WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH - TOPEKA KS:
[redacted]

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Synopsis: (U) The purpose of this communication is to request the captioned case be closed.

[redacted]

Details:

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Title: (U) Case closing.
Re: 804I-KC-93619, 05/09/2014

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During the past 180-days, only one (1) Threat Assessment was initiated related to threats against the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) and/or its' members. On approximately 03/25/2014, Fred Phelps, Sr., founder and Pastor of the WBC, died. The morning following his death, a non-specific bomb threat was e-mailed to Midland Care Hospice (MCH). This matter was investigated as [redacted] b7E No subject was identified and the threat was determined to be non-credible.

Although the WBC continued to conduct pickets across the United States and specifically in Kansas and Missouri, the frequency of threats has diminished substantially. Therefore, due to the deceased number of threats and due to the fact most threats worked historically under this case file have been determined to be non-credible, the writer recommends the captioned matter be closed. The writer recommends FBI KC work threats against WBC be worked under the [redacted] b7E

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